Amendments to the Written Description

Please further amend the third full paragraph on page 10 of the written description as

follows<sup>1</sup>:

Referring to FIGS, 11-13, a further embodiment of a scal assembly generally designated as scal

assembly 200 is shown throughout the several views. Seal member 218 is configured in includes

an hourglass segment 219, an annular segment 220, shape and preferably includes the fabric

portion 228, which is formed as part of seal member 218 in a similar manner as described above.

As best seen in FIG. 11, the hourglass segment 219 defines an internal transverse dimension D1

at a longitudinal midpoint of seal member 218. The annular segment 220 extends inwardly from

the hourglass segment 219 at the longitudinal midpoint to define a reduced internal transverse

dimension D2 in order to facilitate the establishment of a seal with an inserted surgical

instrument (not shown). The friction reducing coating of a hydrocyclosiloxane membrane

prepared by plasma polymerization process noted above may also be utilized to coat the surfaces

of seal member 218. A seal clamp 224 is provided within housing components 214, 216, and

serves to secure an outer periphery of seal member 218 within seal assembly 200. As discussed

above with respect to seal clamp 124, seal clamp 224 includes projecting posts which fit within

openings formed on a proximal side of housing component 216.

1 This paragraph was previously amended in an Amendment that was filed on November 5, 2009.